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THE REPLY FILED 25 October 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS A	APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR	R ALLOWANCE.	
1. The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on this application, applicant must timely file one of the follow places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a No. a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliant time periods:	the same day as filing a Notice of ving replies: (1) an amendment, aff tice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in (Appeal. To avoid aba fidavit, or other evider compliance with 37 C	nce, which FR 41.31; or (3)
a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this A no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire I	advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth	-	
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Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of exunder 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b) NOTICE OF APPEAL	tension and the corresponding amount shortened statutory period for reply orighthan three months after the mailing da	of the fee. The appropr inally set in the final Offi	iate extension fee ce action; or (2) as
2. The Notice of Appeal was filed on 10/25/2006. A brief in date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or a appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply AMENDMENTS	ny extension thereof (37 CFR 41.3	7(e)), to avoid dismis	sal of the
3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, (a) They raise new issues that would require further co	nsideration and/or search (see NO		ecause
 (b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE belo (c) They are not deemed to place the application in belometer appeal; and/or 	, .	ducing or simplifying	the issues for
(d) They present additional claims without canceling a NOTE: (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).	corresponding number of finally rej	ected claims.	•
4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.1	21. See attached Notice of Non-Co	mpliant Amendment	(PTOL-324).
5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s)	•	•	
 Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be al non-allowable claim(s). 		•	_
7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) how the new or amended claims would be rejected is protected. The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:	•	Il be entered and an e	explanation of
Claim(s) allowed:	•	•	
Claim(s) objected to: Claim(s) rejected: <u>1-3</u> .			
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:		•	
AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE 8. The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but			
because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).	d sufficient reasons why the affidav	vit or other evidence is	s necessary and
9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary.	vercome all rejections under appea	al and/or appellant fai	Is to provide a
10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER	n of the status of the claims after e	ntry is below or attach	ned.
11. The request for reconsideration has been considered bu See Continuation Sheet.	t does NOT place the application in	n condition for allowar	nce because:
12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s).	(PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)	•	
13. Other:	IMA		
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✓ Continuation Sheet (PTO-303)

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Continuation of 3. NOTE:

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: applicant's argument is not persuasive. In the remark, applicant argued that Rolia does not disclose determining the minimum total rebate payable by the service provider for the breach; and Rolia does not disclose that the decision to shift a resources would be based upon all of the following: performance data, the target list and the status of the customers; however, those features are not in the claim(s).